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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Takayoshi SHIMOKAWA et al.  
Serial No.: 10/084,222  
Filed: February 28, 2002  
Title: DATA STRUCTURE IN DATABASE SYSTEM FOR MANAGING  
DATABASE AND DATABASE MANAGING METHOD AND  
SYSTEM  
Art Unit: 2171  
Examiner: E. Leroux

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 12, 2004

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the two months subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action dated September 3, 2004. A Credit Card Payment Form authorizing the amount of \$450.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the account of Mattingly, Stanger & Malur, P.C., Account No. 50-1417 (referencing attorney docket no. 500.36133CC2).

Respectfully submitted,

MATTINGLY, STANGER & MALUR, P.C.

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